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GOVERNOR SMALL DROPS WAR PLANS

Illinois Executive Has Decided Not to Fight to Delay Trial

"FAMILY PRESSURE"

Opposition of Relatives Cause of State Head's Decision Not to Put Up Scrap

ACCEPTS VENUE CHANGE

Case Will Not Be Tried in Sangamon County, State Attorney's Offer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 17.—The sudden collapse of the "war" plans of Governor Len Small of Illinois, was due to "family pressure," it was learned here today.

The governor, it was reported, has abandoned all plans to delay his trial on charges of misusing \$2,500,000 in state interest funds and to test the legality of his arrest. In fact, the governor entirely ignored the wishes of his legal advisers. He finally surrendered, his intimates said, to the pleas of Mrs. Small and members of the family.

"Len Small First"

"You are Len Small first and governor of Illinois next," was the attitude of his family. The governor of his family, it was said, had seriously considered the governor. Since the issuance of bench warrants for the governor's arrest, Mrs. Small has gone into retirement at the family home in Kankakee. It was her wish, it was said, that the governor abandon his "war plans" and go into court with the sole purpose of repudiating the charges brought against him in the Sangamon court.

Will Soon Name Judge

All four clauses were accepted by the state attorney in a reply made to the governor's offer. The attorney declared his first offer had held no "water," the governor's counsel having taken exception to certain wording.

Mr. Mortimer also agreed to the governor's suggestion that the attorney for both sides agree upon another county in which the case shall be tried.

He announced that Judge E. S. Smith, who issued the bench warrants for Small's arrest, would designate the circuit judge to decide the position of the state attorney. This position will be heard Tuesday, September 6. The jurist will be either Judge Frank W. Burton or Judge Herman L. Jones.

The habeas corpus proceedings, which the governor's counsel had insisted would be his "trump card," were abandoned by the governor's counsel, it was learned. The governor's attorneys, however, retained the right to file this action in asking for the change of venue. The state attorney also agreed that the governor had not waived his right to this action. "The test," however, is now a very remote possibility.

SAYS MATE PLANNED KILL

Wife Charges Spouse Had It Fixed to Throw Her Into the Lake

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—A word plot to have her husband throw her into the lake and to leave a "suicide note" by way of her release on the shore, was charged against her husband by Mrs. Elizabeth Hefner of Chicago, who obtained warrants for the arrest of her husband, John M. Hefner, owner of a bakery, and Henry Davis, charging conspiracy to commit murder.

Charles Johnson, held by the police as material witness, said he had been approached by the baker and asked to write the note, but at the last minute he had weakened and because of religious scruples, refused to carry out the plan. He was offered \$500, he said.

In announcing the plot to Mrs. Hefner, Johnson said to have told that Davis was offered \$500 to throw Mrs. Hefner in the lake and leave a "suicide note." The note was to be written in his own handwriting and to be given to her husband, it is charged.

ROAD MEASURE TRIMMED

Townsend "Good Roads Bill" Cut by Senate Action

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Supporters of the Townsend "Good Roads Bill," carrying an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the construction of an interstate and improvement system of highways, were given a severe blow today when the provision for the establishment of a federal highway commission and the secretary of agriculture was charged with the administration of the federal aid funds.

The provision, which was one of the most important features of the Townsend bill, was eliminated in a motion of Senator Curtis of Kansas, a republican "whip," by a vote of 16 to 14.

The senate then proceeded to amend the bill in accordance with this change by viva voce vote.

Oil Man's Wife Declares Hubby Was Unfaithful

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Charges of cruelty and being too friendly with other women, was made against Robert Stewart, wealthy assistant general manager of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, in a bill for separate maintenance filed in superior court today by attorney for Mrs. Elizabeth Wallington Stewart.

Stewart is charged with being the father of a child born to a Minneapolis society girl named "Florence," staying at Menkato, Minn., a few weeks after his marriage to Mrs. Stewart.

Stewart is the son of Col. Robert Wright Stewart, chairman of the board and president of Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

GERMAN TROOPS BEAT BACK POLES

Twenty-Four Are Killed as Boche Drives Over Frontier

ATTACK IS REPULSED

No Allied Re-enforcements Will Be Sent Unless Necessary

By the Associated Press

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—Twenty-four Poles were killed and many wounded today in a fight between German and Polish troops near the frontier village of Stargard and Kozellitz, in Upper Silesia. The Germans drove the Poles across the frontier.

SILESIAN LEADERS PLEDGE LOYALTY

KATTAU, Upper Silesia, Aug. 17.—Cooperation in the east of their "common motherland," was pledged in an agreement signed here today by representative German industrial and political leaders and labor representatives from all Polish parties in Silesia.

The agreement was reached at the end of a secret conference lasting 12 hours.

Bellet is expressed that the conference may result in a joint appeal by the Germans and Poles to the league of nations for a prompt settlement of the Silesian question. It is also stated that if such a request is made, the petitioners probably will ask for an undivided Silesia, all for Poland or all for Germany.

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—Polish regulars attacked the Upper Silesian border town of Steinitz and Dostleritz, but were repulsed by the inhabitants according to an unconfirmed report circulated today by the Wolff bureau.

A special dispatch from Breslau says that General Martini, Italian commissioner to Upper Silesia; General Leronde, head of the interallied commission in Upper Silesia; and Sir Stratford Canning, British representative, are expected to arrive in Oppeln on Thursday. They have been in Paris reporting to the supreme council.

General Martini is quoted as saying that no allied reinforcements will be sent to Upper Silesia unless they are absolutely necessary.

Should a new insurrection break out, then more troops will be sent and France and England will cooperate in restoring order, said General Martini.

Armed Polish troops from the command of General Haler are reported to be pouring into Upper Silesia in a steady stream.

RUSSIA NOT A GOVERNMENT

United States Judge in New York Won't Recognize Soviet Claims

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—"Russia is no more a government than the Republic of Ireland" was the ruling today by United States Circuit Judge Martin T. Munton, sitting in Brooklyn.

The ruling was made when Charles Reich, counsel for the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic, asked that the court recognize the title of the soviet to the steamships Lenza and Tobolsk, which have been labeled by the American government.

The case, it is understood, is an attempt on the part of the soviet authorities to have themselves recognized as the de facto government of Russia.

The old Russian government was represented in court by John T. Murray, who claimed that the soviet was a mere puppet of the ships which were in the Russian naval service only as part of a wartime volunteer fleet.

MURDERESS FEARED SPIRIT

Gives Herself Up at Home of Man She Had Killed an Hour Before

DETROIT, Aug. 17.—Fearing that the spirit of her husband, William, would haunt her if she deserted the house where she had shot and killed him a half hour earlier, Mrs. Jessie McTelop returned here today and gave herself up.

Differences arose a few days ago, according to the woman's story, when the police. McTelop left and did not return until Tuesday night, when he went to the house and began packing his clothes.

While he was in a closet Mrs. McTelop got a revolver and fired four shots, killing him. She left the house and after wandering around the street, returned to be found by the police.

OBECHNAN TELLS OF NEW EVIDENCE

Lawyer Says He Will Be Able to Secure Pair Freedom Soon

TO CATCH MURDERER

"Man in Million" Announces That Real Slayer Will Be Behind Bars in 5 Days

LOST FIRST LEGAL BATTLE

Attorney Unable to Keep Police From Searching a Trunk for Her Letters

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—Declaring that the person that killed J. Belton Kennedy here August 3 would be in jail within five days was made here tonight by Ralph Obenchain, attorney for his divorced wife, Mary Obenchain, indicted for murder. He announced that he had obtained evidence that not only would cause the arrest of the slayer of the broker, but effect the conviction of both Mrs. Obenchain and Arthur Burch.

Lost First Trial.

Mr. Obenchain's announcement came after he had lost his first trial with the prosecution over a technical battle to retain possession of a trunk consigned to Mrs. Obenchain from San Francisco. When it arrived last night he announced he would attempt to prevent its seizure on the ground that it was his trunk, temporarily being used by his former wife and that under the law it could not be seized and the contents held as evidence against the defendants without a search warrant being employed describing what contents of the trunk the officers sought.

Secured Trunk.

Deputy District Attorney Asa Keyes secured the trunk on a subpoena and the contents were gone over behind closed doors.

Mr. Obenchain announced that he would fight the introduction of any of the trunk's contents as evidence on the ground that it had been seized unlawfully.

EX-HUSBAND LOST FIRST LEGAL TUSSELE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—Ralph Obenchain, modern knight errant in defense of his divorced wife, Mary Obenchain, who divorced him to be free for the love of another man, broke his first lance in a legal tussle with deputy sheriff today.

At the county jail Obenchain obtained a writ to prevent the sheriff from directing the hotel manager to turn the trunk over to her former husband. In the meantime, Assistant District Attorney Keyes issued a subpoena ordering the hotel manager to produce the trunk immediately at the district attorney's office.

There was a lively tussle in the hotel manager's office. Deputy Sheriff Bell and Counts produced their subpoena. Obenchain showed the note from Mrs. Obenchain. The manager sent for his attorney. After 10 minutes two porters trundled the trunk to the deputy's automobile and it was taken to the district attorney's office, where it was opened behind closed doors. Assistant District Attorney Keyes refused to state what it contained. It was rumored that more of the fancifully worded letters exchanged by Mrs. Obenchain and Kennedy were discovered.

STREET FIGHT TO FREE WOMAN SOON

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—A fight to release Mrs. Mary Obenchain from the county jail on bail pending her trial will be started soon after she enters her plea to the charge at her arraignment before Superior Judge Reeve, Monday, it developed today.

The application for bail for Mrs. Obenchain was based on the claim that confinement in the jail will ruin her health because of her frail physical condition. It was stated that the woman is now in the California law makes the question of bail in a murder case discretionary with the court. Los Angeles judges have today informed against the release of persons charged with murder pending trial.

Friends of Mrs. Obenchain declared today that should the application for bail be overruled, the court would be asked to transfer her from the jail to the county hospital, where confinement is less irksome.

MUSIC HELPS MORALE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Music to improve the morale of workers in the government was played today in the Minneapolis postoffice and proved a success. E. E. Purdy, postmaster, today told the employees that the music was played to help them in their work. The idea was tried, Mr. Purdy said, after he had made a psychological study of conditions under which his night force worked.

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Women 'Up in the Air' Over Miss Alice's Stand About Arms Meet Representation

By H. N. Timmons, Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Miss Alice Robertson's intimation in a public statement yesterday that she knew of no woman qualified by diplomatic legation and international experience to sit as a member of the disarmament conference, brought sharp retorts today from high officials of the National League of Women Voters. Four of them, as a committee of that organization, called at the white house today, had their pictures taken with the president and upon the appointment of a woman delegate to the disarmament conference.

One Exception.

With the sanction of Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham of Texas, they individually and separately attacked the Muskegon representative in congress, employing considerable venom in some of their statements.

"As a republican woman, I regret the newspaper prominence being given a woman of Miss Robertson's type," said Mrs. Richard Edwards of Peru, Ind., first vice president of the league of women voters. Continuing, Mrs. Edwards said: "Herself a political accident, in her contempt of women and their ability for total ignorance of women and women's affairs, she fortunately in no way represents women though she sits by the only woman in congress. Actually what Miss Robertson says or thinks is negligible. The women in my part of the country know that she never responded to the demands of her statements."

Mrs. Gifford Pinchot of Milford, Pa., finance chairman of the National League of Women Voters, said:

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CAMORRA MURDER GANG DISCOVERED

New York City Officers Unearth Leaders in a Wierd Conspiracy

DOOMED MAN TELLS

Victim Sentenced to Be Roasted Alive Informs Police of Secret Activities

MANY STRANGE KILLINGS

Police Declare Crimes Around Metropolis Can Be Laid to Organization

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